

Behavioral Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
August 20, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Annex Building, 2180 Johnson Ave
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Aurora William
David Riester
Marshall Hamilton
Theresa Scott
Clint Weirick
Tyler Brown
Karl Hansen
Jim Salio
Jill Heuer
Kelly Kenitz (for Sheriff Parkinson)
Linda Connolly

GUESTS:

Derek Bishop (TMHA)
Martin Meltz

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT:

Cindy Marie Absey
Frank Mecham
Ian Parkinson
Loretta Butterfield
Pam Crabaugh
Joyce Heddleson
Jason Reed
Vicki Shelby (Supr. Mecham)
Robert Reyes (Jim Salio)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Frank Warren
Laura Zarate
Greg Vickery

1. **Meeting** was called to order @ 3:00 pm by David Riester.
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
 - Round-table introduction.
3. **Citizen Comments:** None at this time.
4. **Action Item:** The minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2014 were reviewed. According to Robert's Rules of Order, there is no need for approval of minutes, just offer the opportunity to make changes/corrections.

Minutes from May 21, 2014 will be filed.

5. **Ongoing Business: Committee Reports:**

Adult Committee: Canceled meeting. Will re-schedule.

Youth Committee: Will meet within the next 30 days.

Substance Abuse/Use Committee: Clint to call a meeting soon.

Prevention & Outreach: Question was brought up: Do we know as a Community what services are being offered?

Frank Warren: Yes. We have First Five. and are connected to different sources like Martha's Place, Public Health, Prenatal work, Drug and Alcohol: POEG, CAPSLO: Independent Day-Care Providers etc.

6. New Business: Schedule Legislative Visit- Clint Weirick.

Clint Weirick stated there have been issues that are not within our control at the local level so the idea is to educate our representatives and thought it would be appropriate to solicit different topics; we would bring to them different topics for consideration. Clint Weirick asked BH Board members what kind of issues would they like to see brought up to the Federal level.

Suggestion was brought that we might be over-stepping our boundaries. We report and advise the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Luis Obispo, the County of San Luis Obispo has their own lobbying agencies.. If we would like to talk to Board Members, that might be more appropriate.

Question was brought up if we have received any feedback form any Supervisor regarding the Behavioral Health Yearly Report.

In response to that question, it is believed that the Board of Supervisors are actively involved in a lot of things and as far as the Legislative Platform, anybody can add to the Legislative Platform. Our Administrator Anne Robin may come to the Board and suggest a topic to present. The Board would certainly consider it.

Our focus as Behavioral Health Board members and as community members is to report to the Board of Supervisors and by statue do what we are set out to do. It is clear that one of boundaries as a body is that we don't have the authority to represent the County and the Counties position.. However, we do have the power, authority and duty to apprise the County on what we believe are policies, practices and effective use of resources to meet the needs of the residents of this County who have mental health or substance use disorder issues. The principal way we do that is through Anne Robin, our Administrator of the Behavioral Health Department. If we are dissatisfied with that level of response, we have the obligation to go up the chain of command.

7. Director's Report: Anne Robin, Director

Anne Robin states this was a good discussion. People do get confused on what the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's purview is. NAMI has fabulous advocacy at Federal, State and Local levels so there are a lot of places to do that. **Hiring:**

- Star Graber is hiring fifteen Drug and Alcohol Services workers of various levels to meet the needs of ACA, expanded outpatient detox/withdrawal management.
- Have had lots of new Supervisor hiring and moving around: Theresa Pemberton will be the Supervisor of our Integrated Forensics programs reporting to Star Graber. She will be taking over for Tom Beem when he retires.
- Jill Rietjens will now be reporting to Patty Ford in the Children's' division.
- Josh Peters will now be reporting to Frank Warren. Josh Peters comes from the Atascadero Drug and Alcohol Clinic as a lead worker and is now a Prevention Supervisor replacing Jill Rietjens.
- Amanda Getten is the new Managed Care Supervisor, reporting to Greg Vickery. Amanda Getten's position in children's' services is still yet to be filled.
- Leah DeRose will be our new Patient's Rights Advocate coming from Juvenile Hall. Will be slowly transitioning until we find her replacement at Juvenile Hall.
- Cindy Collins is hiring a bilingual Accounting person in our billing section.
- Keith Skromme left last month and Cathy Manning is our new Supervisor in our Fiscal Department.

Very exciting having strong departments and new supervisors. **System Gaps Survey:**

We are running a survey with the assistance of Frank Warren and Darci Hafley. We had 135 responses from staff. We will send that data to Behavioral Health Board fill it out and send it back.

Psychiatrists:

_Close to fully staffed. Two have passed background and will become employees in October. Dr. Ramsey is still in the process of background check. We will have three full-time Doctors along with Doctor Ilano.

How Inmate Services Work:

Any services provided within jail, is only paid for through County General Fund. There's no Medi-Cal eligibility, no third-party payer, no insurance. Public Health provides physical health care needs and we provide mental health medication needs as well as some drug and alcohol treatment. AB 109 pays for part of that treatment. cost.

Access to Outpatient Services:

Is one of the issues we have right now and are working on **reducing the time from request to assessment.**

Performance Outcomes:

Have developed some new templates to put in our contracts and looking into what data we're collecting- now that we are able to collect data with our implementation of the Electronic Health Record.

Using Resources Wisely:

There's lots of interest by the Board of Supervisors in learning if we are using our resources to provide the most effective services. **Mobile Crisis Resolution Team:**

We are adding three positions to provide mobile crisis services to work specifically with French and Sierra Vista Hospitals from 3:00pm-11:00pm/7days per week. This seems to be the time frame when there are the most 5150 calls at the ED's.. It is a pilot program.

8. Presentation: Greg Vickery: End of Year Report.

Greg Vickery presented Behavioral Health Board with data and statistics of the End of the Year Report.

9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

The next Behavioral Health Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 20, 2014, 3:00pm – 5:00pm in the Annex Conference Room, (the brick building behind the Health Campus.)

Laura Zarate